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MEMORANDUM

Date:

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To:

The Governing Board Members

From:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

Subject:

Agenda Item XXI: Discussion and possible action regarding activities of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board discuss this item and if desired, provide guidance to staff regarding any potential Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) action.

<u>Background</u>: At several recent meetings of the Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority (THCA), there have been discussions regarding the possibility of hiring a consultant to study land use options for the Tres Hermanos area. The THCA is a joint powers authority between the cities of Diamond Bar and Chino Hills with the City of Industry.

At the June 26, 2006 meeting of the THCA, the THCA reviewed and approved a budget for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. The budget included a feasibility study that would help determine the best land use for the land in the area.

In addition, at that meeting, the minutes of the August 1, 2005 THCA were considered for approval. Some topics relevant to WCCA at that meeting were the following:

Discussion with Lewis Operating Group – ULI Inland Empire and Majestic Realty regarding development concepts with the THCA jurisdiction.

Review and approve a proposal for consulting services (RFP) for the Tres Hermanos Area.

At the July 31, 2006 adjourned meeting, there was also a discussion regarding the request for proposals for Tres Hermanos consulting services. The minutes are attached.

On the August 28, 2006 agenda, the following item was listed: Discussion of Proposed Request for Proposals. A RFP (attached) was included in the meeting materials. It states that the Tres Hermanos area encompasses 2,600 acres, with

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approximately 800 acres of the site lying within the northeastern portion of the City of Diamond Bar in Los Angeles County and approximately 1,600 acres within the City of Chino Hills in San Bernardino County. The entire property is owned by the City of Industry's Urban Development Agency. The RFP is for formulation of a land use concept plan. The purpose of the THCA is to guide development in this area in a sensitive manner that is beneficial to both cities. The RFP states that the hillsides drain south into Tonner Canyon wash that traverses most of the center portion of the site.

An old related newspaper article is attached.